

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of September 5, 2005**

- 1. Washington Adventist Hospital Scare (Ward 5):** A total of six explosive-detection canine units from three area police departments assisted Takoma Park Police in a search of Washington Adventist Hospital on Monday after a threatening note was found. The search yielded negative results and the hospital resumed normal operations after a four-hour interruption. Takoma Park detectives are investigating the incident. *(Police)*
- 2. Town Hall Meeting on Gangs:** A Town Hall meeting on gangs is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Speakers will include representatives from the Montgomery and Prince George's County police, the Takoma Park Police, and the States Attorneys office. The meeting will be broadcast live on Takoma Park City TV, Cable Channel 13. *(Police)*
- 3. Takoma Metro Development Public Meeting:** The firm that wishes to develop the Takoma Metro property, Eakin/Youngentob & Associates, is sponsoring a public meeting in the Takoma Park City Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 7-9 pm. The agenda includes the display of their conceptual plan, a brief overview of the project, a presentation on the WMATA joint development process, a presentation on the DC approval process, a question and answer period, and a public comment period limited to two minutes per person. For more information, contact Jack Lester at 703-525-5565. The meeting will be broadcast live on Takoma Park City TV, Cable Channel 13. *(Community And Government Liaison)*
- 4. Folk Festival Media Coverage:** City TV staff will be out in force on Sunday Sept. 11 at the Folk Festival, taping performances at most of the stages all day long. *(Media)*
- 5. Condominium Conversion Legislation:** The City of Takoma Park has asked its State District 20 representatives to submit a bill that would affect condominium conversion regulation in Montgomery County or in municipalities in Montgomery County. The purpose of the legislation is to better protect tenants, especially in times of a shortage of affordable housing. *(Community and Government Liaison)*
- 6. Street Restoration (Ward 6):** Concrete curb work has been completed on Cole Avenue. The contractor will be starting Glenside Drive (from Jackson to New Hampshire Ave) next week. Lockney Avenue and Kennewick Avenue (from Lockney to Anne) were milled Thursday and Friday. Base repair will be taking place Friday and Monday and resurfacing is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday next week. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 7. District Street Reconstruction Project:** The District of Columbia has a notice to proceed with construction on Eastern Avenue between North Capitol Street and Eastern Avenue. The District estimates that it will take 1.25 years to complete the project. For the duration of the construction there will be no parking along Eastern Avenue - construction will occur alternately on each side and traffic will be maintained in both directions. The hours of construction are 7 AM - 7 PM Monday - Saturday. The District will post notice 72 hours in advance of the removal of on street parking. City staff will be communicating with the District project staff through the construction process. For more information contact Ilona Blanchard at (301) 891-7205 or [IlonaB@takomagov.org](mailto:IlonaB@takomagov.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**8. State Highway Pedestrian Paddles:** The State Highway Administration has placed in road paddle signs warning drivers that state law requires drivers to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. These have been most recently installed on Carroll Avenue at Takoma Junction and at Laurel Avenue. These are in addition to the signs already installed on Philadelphia Avenue at Old Philadelphia Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**9. Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project:** The sidewalk is expected to be completed early next week. Work on the public art will begin within the next few weeks, and the work on the wall will begin in October. The artwork will not be installed in the area in front of the walls until the walls are completed. Please see the article about the public artwork artist Adriana Baler on page 26 of the Takoma Voice. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**10. Police Department Training:** Two officers attended a 10-hour training on Counter-terrorism, traffic stops and other topics offered by Montgomery County Police. Over a month period, a total of 18 TPPD officers will receive this training. Det. Conrad attended a three-day Death and Homicide Investigation training. *(Police)*

**11. Crime Report:** Early on Tuesday, squad 1 patrol officers arrested two juveniles attempting to steal a vehicle (Ward 3) while operating another stolen vehicles. Residents should be urged to use secondary security on their vehicles (like a steering wheel locking device) and not to leave valuables in their cars. Theft from auto continues to be a growing problem, with no obvious pattern, throughout the city. The COP team is working with patrol and encourages residents to share with others the importance of safeguarding their property by not leaving it in unattended vehicles. *(Police)*

**12. Preparations Underway for Move of City Offices:** Within the next four weeks, probably with little advance notice, most City staff offices in the Municipal Building will be moved to first and third floor offices in the new sections of the building. Staff has been directed to pack all materials not immediately needed and be prepared to move. As a schedule becomes apparent, information on the transition will be shared with the public as effectively as possible. It is staff's intent to remain open to serve the public during the office move. Once staff has been moved, the previously occupied area will be renovated into additional Community Center space, including the game room, teen room, dance studio, an additional meeting room, and offices for the Recreation Department. *(Community and Government Liaison)*